Hydro-electric projects in Orissa

1221. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of hydro-electric projects under execution in Orissa;

(b) the target dates for their completion;

(c) the progress made so far in respect of each such ongoing project in the State; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Two hydroelectric projects (above 3 MW) are under execution by Orissa Hydro Power Corporation Limited in Orissa. These are the Upper Indravati Hydroelectric Project - 600 MW (4 X 150 MW) and the Potteru Hydroelectric Project - 6 MW (2 X 3 MW).

(b) and (c) Details are given in the enclosed statement, (*See* below).

(d) To accelerate project works of the Upper Indravati Project, Government of Orissa transferred this hydroelectric project to a State Government Corporation namely Orissa Hydro Power Corporation Limited (OHPC) with effect from 1.4.1996. The progress of works will further accelerate on release of the loan for Rs. 320 crores, agreement for which has been signed between OHPC and Power Finance Corporation on 1.7.1995.

In the case of Potteru hydroelectric project, works of the contractors are being reviewed monthly by the State agencies. The law and order situation is also being monitored to control anti-social activities in the area which is a major hindrance in the progress of the works.

Statement

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Name of the project	Scheduled date of commissioning	Present status of works
1. Upper Indravati Hydroelectric Project	Unit-I Sept., 1998 Unit-II Jan., 1999 Unit-III May, 1999 Unit -IV Sept. 1999	Most of the Civil works relating to dams and dykes have been completed and balance works on head race tunnel, intake structure and Muran dam are in progress. The erection of main turbine generators is under way. The 400 KV switchyard is almost complete and substantial progress has also been made of other electrical works.
2. Potteru Hydroelectric Project	Unit-I March 1997 Unit-II June 1997	The civil works of the power house, diversion weir, head race tunnel are under way. The contracts for supply of generator equipment etc. have been awarded and bulk of equipment has already been procured.